

Town Meeting of the Dublin Darlington Community Council
October 19, 2011
Darlington Volunteer Fire Company

Attendance: 41

Rich Norling, Chair of the Dublin Darlington Community Council (DDCC), called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. He thanked the DVFC for use of the meeting space.

State Highway Administration representatives John Vananzo, District 4 Traffic, and Linda Betts

Maryland Transit Authority representative John Lohmeyer

Updates on local road usage, reported traffic accidents and truck traffic studies were given. Sheriff Jesse Bane stated that there is more traffic all over Harford County. Harford County is 5th in the State for traffic deaths. John Vananzo took notes and will send a follow up letter to Senator Barry Glassman regarding the multiple items of community concern. He will report back at the next Town Meeting.

Go to www.roads.maryland.gov for information.

Sheriff's Office Northern Precinct Commander Captain Keith Warner

Harford County Sheriff Jesse Bane

Crime statistics for 2011 compared to this time in 2010 were given. Crime is down locally and across the State. Criminals are looking for copper in abandoned (foreclosed) homes and equipment in outdoor sheds. Lock homes and storage facilities. Thefts from autos are crimes of opportunity. Remove valuable items from sight. Lock your car.

Go to www.CrimeReports.com and enter your zip code or address for shared statistics in your geographical area. Click on the "alerts" icon to get notifications of crime in your area.

Delmarva Power Public Affairs Manager Linda Tipton

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County Councilman Chad Shrodes

Chad Shrodes gave an update on local legislation including the following items of interest:

- Tolls on the Hatem bridge
- Redistricting
- Moratorium on new gas stations
- Lead in well water
- Land preservation
- Master Land Use Plan – next phase
- Noise reduction

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Mike Vincent, President of the DVFC, reported on the practice cars at the Darlington Station. Murphy beds in Darlington and sleeping quarters in Dublin now allow for quicker response when fire fighters are already at the station. Average response time is 1 minute 36 seconds. All fire companies have signed on to full audits of their books. Please call 410-638-3760 if/when you see anyone driving fire equipment erratically.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Howe, Secretary